

Grade 1 & 2 News

September 22, 2025

This week we are continuing our lessons about Abraham. Our first lesson is about God testing Abraham's faith and our second lesson this week is about God guiding Abraham's servant in finding a wife for Isaac. In school, we often think of testing as being something where we are seeing if a child knows the answers. God's tests are altogether different. Their purpose is not to see **if we have faith – but to make us stronger in our faith.** Just as a knot in a rope gets stronger as you test it by pulling on both ends, our faith is strengthened as God tests us. This is what God did for Abraham as he asked him to offer his son Isaac as a sacrifice. What a faith God gave Abraham! **May the Lord bless us with faith that puts Him above all else!**



We are learning a hymn called, "Now Thank We All Our God." We have been singing it each morning to get the children used to the words and melody. If you would like to hear how the song goes, you can find it on our school website www.stjohnpeshtigo.org/school and look under the "Parent Resources" tab. I put an MP3 recording of the song there so you can listen to it and sing it at home or in even the car (if you put it on your phone).

Grade 1 Spelling List

bunch
lunch
inch
pinch
ranch
branch
chip
chop
chick
check

First Grade Reading/Spelling - We just started our first unit in our hardcover book, Adventures of the Superkids. In this first unit we will learn about the sounds the "ch" and "sh" make in words. The spelling list has the "ch" spelling used at the end and beginning of all their words. **The next first grade spelling test is on Friday, September 26.**

This coming week we will read a story called, "Help!" Superkid Cass has a problem with her cat and needs help. After we have read the story together a few times in class, the children will be bringing their book home to read it there, too. **When your child brings home the hardcover book to read, please make sure you send the book back to school.**

Second Grade Reading/Spelling – This week the second graders are going to spend a lot of time with question words along with decoding and encoding words with the wh and th sounds. Our next spelling test will be on Friday. We are also spending time reading a magazine called "Super!" which is part of our reading series. There are great articles in it about a

wide variety of interesting things. This week we will read about making inventions and the inventor Leonardo DaVinci.

Reading to your child and listening to your child read is a very important part of learning to read. **Please strive to set aside 15-20 minutes every day to read with your child.**

Social Studies – Our students have been learning about citizenship in our social studies lessons. We started off the year talking about rules and laws. In our discussions we learned what a rule is and how we have different rules in different places: Rules for at home, rules at school, and rules in our community. We also learned about laws and authority figures, and how we follow the laws and respect those in authority over us. During these discussions I frequently reminded our students the reason we follow the rules and laws is to show love for God and love for one another.

We also had lessons about rights and responsibilities. The students were eager to share how they do different tasks at home, and we discussed how that's part of being a family. We talked about our rights, too - at home, at school, and as citizens of our country. At all times, these discussions are grounded on how to be positive and helpful citizens who show our faith in God through our words and actions.

Our next unit will be about communities and community helpers.

Mark your calendars for **Saturday, September 27**. This is when our school will participate in the **Peshtigo Historical Days Parade**. We will have a float and we are looking for people to walk along with the float to pass out candy from our school. If you are interested in helping, please join us! **Our spot in the parade is Line number 2, unit 23 on N. Wood Avenue.** Please bring your child to our parade spot by 10:15am so we are all assembled and ready for the parade to start at 10:30. The parade ends at Badger Park. If you are not joining us on the float, please plan to meet your child at the end of the parade route. Any parents of prek-2nd grade students who wish to ride the float with their child are welcome to do so. **Don't forget to dress your child for the weather and wear your theme t-shirts!**

This week's hot lunch will be pizza.

Let's have a wonderful week!

Mrs. Myslik

Grade 2 Spelling List

who
what
why
where
there
here
were
are
be
have
do